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JOINT EMBASSY/USOECD MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJECT: COMPUTER SYSTEMS FOR SOVIET MACHINE TOOL
INDUSTRY (ENIMS).

REFS: (A) OECD PARIS 10689; (B) STATE 146919

1. EMBASSY HAS STUDIED ENIMS CASE CAREFULLY.
WE UNDERSTAND DECISION HAS JUST BEEN MADE TO DENY
LICENSE (ACEP: LD NO. 3047). SINCE THE DECISION
WAS TAKEN IRRESPECTIVE OF THE AMBIGUOUS FRENCH
RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR A FULL CONSENSUS, WE
BELIEVE WE SHOULD MAKE OUR POINT TO THE GOF IN A
SLIGHTLY MODIFIED FORM. WE ARE SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT
TO DELIVER A NOTE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, OR AS SOON
THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE. WE PROPOSE TO DELIVER THE
FOLLOWING TEXT UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES
OBJECTION. U.S. DEL TO COCOM CONCURS.

2. QUOTE. USUAL COURTESIES. ON NOVEMBER 2, 1976,
THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO COCOM SUBMITTED A
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MEMORANDUM (COCOM DOCUMENT (76) 1887) REPORTING THE
DENIAL BY U.S. AUTHORITIES OF A REQUEST FOR AN IBM
370/158 COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR THE EXPERIMENTAL
MACHINE TOOL RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN MOSCOW (ENIMS).
A SUBSEQUENT PROPOSAL BY THE U.S. APPLICANT TO SUPPLY
A 370/145 SYSTEM ALSO FACED DENIAL BY U.S. AUTHORI-
TIES.

3. AT THAT TIME THE UNITED STATES REQUESTED THE COOPERATION OF OTHER COCOM COUNTRIES IN REFRAINING FROM PROVIDING COMPARABLE COMPUTER SYSTEMS TO ENIMS SO THAT A CONSISTENT DENIAL POLICY MIGHT BE APPLIED.

4. THE COMPUTER SYSTEM PROPOSED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR EXPORT WAS, ACCORDING TO THE EXPORTER, TO BE USED IN THE FOLLOWING FOUR PRINCIPAL APPLICATION AREAS:

- A. NUMERICAL CONTROL TAPE PREPARATION, 45 PERCENT.
- B. PRODUCTION PLANNING AND INVENTORY CONTROL, FOURTEEN PERCENT.
- C. COMMERCIAL BATCH WORK, PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND TELEPROCESSING, 28 PERCENT.
- D. GENERAL ENGINEERING CALCULATIONS, ELEVEN PERCENT.

THE ABOVE PERCENTAGES WERE FOR THE APPROXIMATE PROPORTIONS OF AVAILABLE USEFUL MACHINE TIME ESTIMATED FOR EACH APPLICATION.

5. THE PRIMARY BASIS FOR OUR CONCERN IS THAT ENIMS IS THE FOCAL POINT FOR THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF MACHINE TOOL PROTOTYPES IMPORTANT IN MILITARY PRODUCTION. IT DEVELOPS HIGH-PRECISION
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MACHINE TOOLS (E.G. MASTER MACHINES), INDIVIDUAL MACHINE TOOL UNITS AND ELEMENTS, PRECISION MEASURING METHODS AND EQUIPMENT. OUR INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THAT ENIMS IS NOW WORKING ON A PRIORITY PROGRAM TO DEVELOP HIGH PRECISION, MULTI-AXIS, NUMERICALLY-CONTROLLED MACHINE TOOLS. IN SUM, IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING THE LATEST STATE-OF-THE-ART NUMERICALLY CONTROLLED EQUIPMENT--EQUIPMENT OF THE TYPE CURRENTLY EMBARGOED BY COCOM. SUCH A SYSTEM FOR ENIMS COULD SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE SOVIET RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CAPABILITIES IN A MILITARY AREA IN WHICH COCOM COUNTRIES MAINTAIN A SIZEABLE LEAD.

6. THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE IN ITS REPLY TO OUR REQUEST FOR COOPERATION STATED ON APRIL 1, 1977 THAT IT UNDERSTOOD THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN OVER ENIMS, BUT IT DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ON THE END-USE OF THIS COMPUTER TO TAKE A POSITION ON THIS REQUEST. THE UNITED STATES HOPES THAT THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE WILL BE HELPFUL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE REGARDING THIS QUESTION.
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7. FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH COCOM COUNTRIES, THE UNITED STATES HAS DECIDED TO DENY THE SALE FROM THE U.S. OF THE IBM 370/145 SYSTEM TO ENLMS. THE U.S. ASSUMES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE WILL COOPERATE WITH OTHER POTENTIAL WESTERN COMPUTER SUPPLIERS IN THE DENIAL TO ENIMS OF THIS TYPE OF EQUIPMENT, SINCE THE STRATEGIC CONCERNS INVOLVED ARE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO THE SECURITY OF THE WEST. IF OUR ASSUMPTION IS INCORRECT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED BY THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES. END QUOTE.

8. POINTS RAISED IN PARAGRAPHS 6 (A) AND (B) AND IN PARAGRAPH (9) OF REFTEL (B) WILL BE MADE ORALLY WHEN THE NOTE IS DELIVERED.
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